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The annual per capita consumption of sugar in the United States is 82.5 pounds.

Servia has about 500,000 soldiers, but it will not have them long if it is not careful.

It is hard to suggest an improvement in spring weather when it is doing its best.

We may be exporting quite a little gold just now, but the country never had so much left.

One of the volcanoes in Salvador is active, but nobody accuses it of trying to start a revolution.

It will not be so very difficult for this nation to sit around until 1915 waiting for the completion of the Panama canal.

If Prince George of Servia is really guilty of murder, why should he be permitted to take his punishment in travel?

The viceroy of India escapes death at the hands of anarchists by the warning of an anonymous letter. One of the few instances on record where such things are of any earthly good.

Two monkeys in Washington are to be educated as highly as possible by appointed tutors and then killed in order that their brains may be examined "in the interests of science." It will look like murder.

Russian women are holding a congress in St. Petersburg, inviting foreign women, among whom is an American, to be among their speakers. Is this destined to go down in history as the woman's century?

What a woman can do with her hatpin in the way of offensive and defensive attack is matter of contemporaneous history. Now comes a story of a woman who subdued a burglar with her rolling-pin. Yet people will talk of the defenseless sex.

About these times reports of new discoveries of cheap and abundant material from which radium can be extracted are nearly as abundant as those reports of a few years ago of the full and successful development of Edison's cheap and efficient storage battery.

The new woman in China instead of following the example of her English and American sisters in railing against the tyranny of men has revolted against her relations-in-law. One of the women's clubs in Shanghai proclaims as its object "Rebellion against mothers-in-law."

Judge Ellison of Maryville, Mo., threatens attractive divorcees with perjury proceedings if they do not tell him the truth about their matrimonial intentions. Preposterous. A pretty widow can't tell what minute she is going to fall in love, whether she will fall out again or how No. 2 might suit. The judge is off his beat.

The committee for the reorganization of the British house of lords proposes to abolish heredity as a qualification. Our own system of choosing lawmakers by the vote of the people may have its defects, but the worst of all pulls is the pull which is born with one and which no amount of exposure, incapacity or corruption can weaken.

The announcement that the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad will spend \$30,000,000 to electrify its lines in and about New York means another victory for electricity over steam. In urban traffic this means progress and a desire to remove all objections that can be made against smoke from locomotives in city limits. The cost is great, but the results attained are greatly to be desired.

Says the eloquent Baptist preacher, Dr. O. P. Gifford Catholic Ireland and Protestant England live on separated islands. In Boston, Irishman jostled Englishman, and Catholic crowded Protestant. Contact destroyed prejudice. Each saw that the other was human, and seeking the divine. The open palm has taken the place of the clenched fist, both are citizens of a common republic. Ignorance is the parent of prejudice, knowledge of the truth frees.

BARES TURKS' PLOT

AMERICAN MISSIONARY SAYS ABDUL'S GOVERNMENT PLANNED THE ADANA MASSACRE.

RAPS AMERICAN TARDINESS

Declares United States Subjects Had to Depend on British Consul for Aid—Forty-five Mutiny Leaders Arrested at Salonika.

Boston.—That the recent massacre at Adana, Asiatic Turkey, was deliberately planned by the Turkish government under Abdul Hamid, is the belief expressed in a letter to the American Board of Foreign Missions, from Rev. Stephen Van R. Trowbridge, one of the missionaries in the district where many were killed.

The letter from Trowbridge, dated April 23 and sent by way of Constantinople, has just reached the American board, and it gives some particulars of the recent massacres not hitherto made known in this country.

Briefly describing the funeral of American Missionaries Maurer and Rogers, who were killed during the disorders, Mr. Trowbridge writes:

"The burial took place on Friday evening, the 16th of April. With the city in terrible disorder and scores of conflagrations raging, it was impossible to take the bodies out to the cemetery. The graves were dug side by side at the edge of the girl's school yard and services were conducted by Mr. Macallum and Mr. Trowbridge.

Mr. Trowbridge criticises the American government in the following paragraph of his letter:

"All regret the tardiness of the American government in meeting the crisis. A week and three days have passed and yet not a word from the embassy. Were it not for the untiring efforts of the British consul, Maj. Doughty-Wylie, whose right arm is broken from a bullet, we could neither send letters nor telegrams."

Erzeroum, Asiatic Turkey.—Forty-five leaders of the mutiny here have been arrested on orders issued by Field Marshal Ibrahim Pasha, commander of the Fourth army corps.

There is great uneasiness among the population of this city on account of the threatening attitude of the garrison, which has refused to accept 52 officers belonging to the Young Turk party. Djelal Pasha has gone to Constantinople to report on the situation.

Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey.—The United States revenue cutter Tahoma arrived at this port Thursday for the protection of American interests. The Tahoma is the first American ship to appear in Turkish waters since the beginning of the massacres and disorders in Asiatic Turkey.

Cologne.—The Koelnische Zeitung published a dispatch from Saloniki saying that the Young Turk officers at Erzeroum, Asiatic Turkey, have sent a telegram to the local officers of the committee of union and progress declaring that their soldiers are refusing obedience and demanding the restoration of the Sheriat, and at the same time threatening a general massacre.

The message begs Scheffekt Pasha to send representatives to quiet the troops and the people, and concludes with the statement that the Young Turk officers do not dare to show themselves abroad.

Marash, Asiatic Turkey.—Distressing accounts continue to be received here from the country side of Armenian villages assailed by bands of Mohammedans, who, acting on the supposition that the Armenians were rising against the government, were quick to strike the first blow. The men were killed whenever found within reach of knife or bullet. The girls were often maltreated, and some of them were carried off to become the wives or slaves of rich men.

Houses were sacked and then burned, farm animals were driven off, and small parties of horsemen rode through the country "cleaning up the Armenians." The entire population of Bechkeny, 2,000 souls, moved to the Zeitoon region for safety.

Children See Three Drown.

Pittsburg, Pa.—To save five cents' bridge toll, five foreigners, who had been out of work for many months, attempted to cross the Monongahela river at McKeesport, a suburb, in a small boat, which sank as they got into midstream, drowning three of them. Five hundred school-children enjoying their first day's diversion in a new playground, saw them drown.

Ten bodies had been recovered when the search was abandoned at dark Wednesday night for the victims of Tuesday night's ferryboat accident.

New Minister from Spain.

Madrid.—It is announced that Marquis de Villalobar, first secretary of the Spanish embassy at London, will succeed Don Ramon Pina, the Spanish minister at Washington. Senor Pina goes to the foreign office as under secretary of state in place of the Marquis de Herrera, who has been appointed ambassador at Vienna.

Regains Riches; Pays Old Debt.

Sterling, Ill.—Fifty-five years ago H. J. Cobey borrowed money of the county. Later he became bankrupt and the debt was canceled. He became wealthy again, and now has paid the debt with 55 years' interest.

Cowboy's Injury Is Fatal.

New York.—Harry Beede, a Wyoming cowboy with Buffalo Bill's show, died from injuries sustained during the performance of last Monday night. Beede's great toe was severely bruised by being stepped on by a horse.



HITS AMERICAN BEEF TRUST

ENGLISH REPORT POINTS OUT DANGER OF MONOPOLY.

Armours, Swifts, Morris' and Hammond Companies Are Named—Testimony Is Doubtful.

London.—The departmental committee appointed in July of 1908 to inquire into the alleged combinations in the meat trade in the United Kingdom devotes a large portion of its report to the American beef trust and its representatives in London.

The committee concludes that while a combination exists to a certain extent between four companies in the United States, engaged in the United Kingdom, it is not at present sufficiently powerful seriously to endanger the beef trade as a whole. But should these firms, as seems possible, acquire considerable interest in the Argentine situation with regard to the meat supply of the United Kingdom might become serious.

"With such command," the report says, "of practically the whole imported live cattle and chilled and frozen beef trade, the firms composing such combination might be able to determine beef prices at Smithfield market itself and largely affect prices throughout the country."

According to the report, the representatives of the American companies in London all told the committee that they knew nothing of the conditions prevalent in the United States and, commenting on these statements, the committee says:

"The committee reluctantly is compelled to express grave doubt as to the reality of this uniform ignorance, and its assumption naturally has tended to throw doubt upon the other statements made by the representatives of these firms. It is almost incredible that Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Morris & Co., and the Hammond Beef Company, the last named representing the National Packing Company, should be in combination in the United States and in competition in the United Kingdom."

The committee failed to find evidence of any deliberate action on the part of the Americans with the object of destroying inconvenient rivals, and it does not think that they have yet attempted to capture or control the whole beef trade in this country, as alleged. At the same time it is satisfied that the firms mentioned consult together with regard to prices and the amount of the supplies to be put on the market, and they fix the prices at which chilled beef shall be sold in the provinces, and furthermore, that provincial salesmen are practically bound to sell at the price daily dictated by the Americans.

TAFT REBUKES GOVERNOR.

Stubbs of Kansas Feels Presidential Wrath—Man He Had Appointed Will Not Get Job.

Washington.—President Taft administered a severe rebuke to Gov. Stubbs of Kansas and at the same time served warning to politicians that he did not purpose to be used to promote the causes of contending political factions.

The president at the same time announced the withdrawal of the appointment of Robert Stone of Topeka to be assistant attorney in the department of justice.

Stubbs is making a hot fight for the senate against Senator Curtis. When Stubbs got back to Kansas he announced that the president had appointed Stone as a personal favor to him and that Senator Curtis, Mr. Anthony and other members of the Kansas delegation did not cut much figure at Washington.

Police Silence Emma Goldman.

New Haven, Conn.—Emma Goldman, who was to have delivered a lecture here, was prevented from carrying out her purpose by the police. Accompanied by Dr. Reitman, she was admitted to the hall where the meeting was to have been held, but the police allowed no one else to enter.

Make War on Cigarettes.

Madison, Wis.—The senior class of the University of Wisconsin has decided that hereafter freshmen shall not smoke cigarettes.

BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL.

Charles Caldwell in Jail Following His Attention to Elizabethtown (Ind.) Girl.

Columbus, Ind.—Charles W. Caldwell, a lawyer who sought to oust Philander C. Knox, secretary of state, from President Taft's cabinet, is in custody here awaiting investigation of a serious charge. Caldwell was found in his office, after bloodhounds and armed men had sought him at Elizabethtown. Caldwell is married, and he is accused by A. M. Remy of Elizabethtown of making secret visits to his 16-year-old daughter, Belah Remy. He pleaded not guilty to both charges and his bond was fixed at \$300. He was unable to give bond and was taken back to jail.

The Remy girl was closely questioned by Sheriff Cox and others. She admitted being in love with Caldwell and told a straight story of Caldwell's attentions. She said he sent her clandestine notes and gifts and had visited her since last March. She was firm in her denial, however, of any wrongdoing and said that he was just so good to her she could not help loving him. She showed a diamond ring, several pieces of jewelry, books, music and other gifts made to her by Caldwell.

HAIR "RAT" SAVES TWO.

Mother and Baby Escape Death in Auto Accident When Padding Acts as Buffer.

Jackson, Mich.—A large "rat" in her hair saved the life of Mrs. Richard Frost, in an automobile accident Thursday, her physicians say. Mrs. Frost and her baby were both thrown from the machine when it collided with a telephone pole and Mrs. Frost struck on her head with such force that hair pins were driven into her scalp.

At the hospital the surgeons who attended her said the "rat" saved her head being crushed. The baby was injured about the head, and it is feared both mother and child were also internally injured.

Richard Frost, the husband and father, was driving the automobile when the accident happened.

LEAVES PRISON AT 71.

James Saunders Pardoned by Iowa Governor Set Free—Has Saved \$1,800 Pension Money.

Fort Madison, Ia.—James R. Saunders, alias William B. Glyndon, was released from the penitentiary by pardon of the governor Thursday, after serving 31 years for the alleged murder of a 14-year-old girl in Grundy county.

Saunders served a longer term than any other man ever sent to the prison and is now hale and hearty at 71 years. He was a sharp-shooter in an Ohio regiment in the civil war and was granted a soldier's pension since his incarceration, during which time he saved \$1,800.

He came of a prominent eastern Ohio family and has all these years hidden his family name.

Long Race with Death.

New York.—Racing with death, which the physicians have assured him is inevitable, Alexis Laudent is attempting, with a broken back, to make the trip from Birmingham, Ala., to Moscow, Russia. His parents reside in Russia, and it is due to an overweening desire to see them that he has undertaken the remarkable journey. Laudent was injured in an accident in an Alabama mine several weeks ago. He will rest in a Jersey City hospital there and will then sail for home.

Musicians Elect Officers.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The American Federation of Musicians held its annual election of officers Friday and decided to hold its next annual convention at Cincinnati. Joseph N. Webster of Cincinnati is president.

Baker Thrown in Dough.

New York.—Max Alheim, a baker of east New York, who did not close his bakery when the bakers recently went out on strike, was dragged from his bed by strike sympathizers and thrown into a vat of dough.

BRIEF STATE NEWS

Items of Special Interest to Our Readers

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES.

Frankfort Physicians Meet to Devise Means to Put a Stop to Criminal Operations, and Adopt Resolutions Urging State Board of Health to Act.

Frankfort, Ky.—That 500 criminal operations have been performed in this city during the past five years is the belief of Dr. J. W. Hill, former superintendent of the Institute for Feeble Minded, who made the statement after a meeting of the physicians here to devise means of putting a stop to this criminal practice in this city. Strong resolutions were adopted urging the state board of health to take immediate action and calling upon the county officials and the citizens at large to take steps to lessen the crime. Thirty-one physicians signed a pledge to go before the grand jury and tell all they know. Mayor Hume stated that he would call a mass meeting of the citizens to urge the grand jury to investigate a number of suspicious cases.

50 PER CENT ADVANCE.

Kentucky Wool Growers' Union Disposes of Pool Consisting of About 500,000 Pounds.

Louisville, Ky.—At an advance in price of 50 per cent over that paid last year directors of the Kentucky Wool Growers' Union, a branch organization of the American Society of Equity, disposed of its entire pool to the Huntington Produce and Feed Co., of Huntington, W. Va. The conference between growers and purchasers lasted two days, five concerns offering to buy the pool. While the price paid per pound would not be stated either by buyers or sellers all admitted that the figure set the record for prices paid for wool in this state. The pool contains about 500,000 pounds. C. U. Stuart, president of the purchasing company, conducted the negotiations. By the terms of contract dates for delivery and grading of the pool were fixed. The first consignment will be received at Beaver Dam, Ky., May 20. Following the successful consummation of the deal plans were made by the officials to pledge a 1909 pool of wool, which it is expected will amount to several millions of pounds.

\$1,000,000 INCREASE.

Convention of Baptists Considering Increasing Endowment of Louisville's Baptist Seminary.

Louisville, Ky.—To raise more than their share of \$1,400,000,000 for the evangelization of all the heathens and to increase the endowment of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville \$1,000,000 are some of the projects before the convention of the Baptists of the south, whose biennial convention was begun here with a banquet. Col. Thomas D. Osborne, prominent both in the memories of the confederacy and in general philanthropic work, was toastmaster. The convention will be adjourned at 4 o'clock Saturday, that the delegates may be permitted to attend the unveiling of a monument over the grave of Rev. Dr. T. T. Eaton, long a trustee of the seminary and editor of the Western Recorder. On Sunday a devotional service in the sign language will be held for all the deaf mutes of the city.

EDITOR WATTERSON

Declares He Will Not Support Democrats if Senator McNutt Is Renominated.

Louisville, Ky.—Henry Watterson stirred up local political circles by declaring that if the democrats of Louisville renominated State Senator H. S. McNutt he would not support the democratic ticket. It will be recalled that Senator McNutt, along with Senator Albert Charlton, of Louisville, the late Representative Chris Mueller, of this city, and Representative E. W. Lillard, of Boyle county, voted for W. O. Bradley for United States senator against J. C. W. Beckham, the democratic nominee. The election of Senator Bradley was made possible by the defection of the four democrats in joint assembly.

Louisville, Ky.—Bound, gagged and tortured for three hours by a burglar, who finally beat her into insensibility when she refused to reveal the hiding place of \$6,000, Mrs. Mary Menz, 75, is at the point of death as the result of her terrible experience. Several posers of citizens have set out after the assailant of the aged woman, and he will be summarily dealt with if captured.

Frankfort, Ky.—The Cincinnati delegation of retail grocers and other boosters of that city, 300 strong, arrived here on a special train to attend the third annual convention of Retail Grocers of Kentucky and the pure food show.

Louisville, Ky.—Col. E. Polk Johnson, of this city, has accepted an invitation to become the principal speaker at the annual celebration of the Robert E. Lee Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, in Columbus, O., on June 5.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Tax Commission Wants Suggestions.
The Kentucky state tax commission issued an address to the people of the state, seeking to arouse interest in the work which it has mapped out to perform before the next session of the general assembly. It wants suggestions from those who have studied tax matters, and makes formal announcement that the people of every city in the state will be given opportunity to present their views personally to members of the commission.

Must Have License.
The court of appeals affirmed the judgment of the Fleming circuit court in the case of the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Co. against the commonwealth, upholding the validity of the provisions of Section 4224 of the Kentucky statutes, imposing a license tax and fixing a penalty for not securing license for "inquiring and reporting on the credit and standing of persons engaged in business in this state."

Assessments Increased.
The state board of equalization made final increase on the assessment of the following counties: Pike, 5 per cent on all property; Powell and Letcner, 5 per cent on lands and personality.

Interesting Kentucky Items

Hopkinsville, Ky.—As a result of the destruction of tobacco plant beds in the New Salem neighborhood, Crittenden county, much excitement exists and it is reported that serious trouble is probable.

Lexington, Ky.—Petitions calling upon Circuit Judge Watts Parker to make the race for re-election to that office next November on a fusion ticket are in general circulation for signatures in Lexington and Fayette county.

Lexington, Ky.—Charles J. Mulligan, of Chicago, has been selected by the Henry Clay statue commission to replace the headless figure of the great commoner on the monument in Lexington cemetery. Bedford colts stone will be used.

Lexington, Ky.—President George P. Simmons, of Madison Institute, Richmond, will at the end of the present school term come to Lexington as the associate of President C. B. Hagerman at the Campbell-Hagerman college for young women.

Lexington, Ky.—Berea college is making another appeal for subscriptions to its adjustment fund. Rev. A. E. Thomson made the statement that \$13,000 is still needed to make up the \$400,000 necessary to the establishment of Lincoln institute.

Louisville, Ky.—Lemon dealers in Louisville have saved the largest one in the entire consignment to hand to Uncle Sam when the increase of 1½ cents a pound duty goes into effect. Anticipating this increase local dealers have ordered tremendous consignments.

Paducah, Ky.—The tobacco plant beds of Charley Wring, Wm. Grimes, Guy Grimes, Henry Grimes, Jim Simpkins, F. Howard, John Butler, Dave Brown and A. M. Long, in Crittenden county, were scraped. Blood hounds trailed the depredators as far as Dy-cusburg.

Louisville, Ky.—District Forecaster F. J. Walz has received word from Washington that he is to be in charge of the new topographical division of the United States for the collection of climatological data. This district comprises Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Eastern Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Lexington, Ky.—The suit brought by the board of education to compel the city of Lexington to appropriate an increased amount for school purposes in 1909 was dismissed in circuit court without prejudice. The general council added three cents to the tax rate, making it \$1.73, which will give the board of education what it needs.

Owensboro, Ky.—The Kentucky State Council, Knights of Columbus, elected J. T. Donovan, state deputy; George A. Burkley, state secretary; James S. Rodman, state treasurer; Frank P. O'Donnell, state advocate; D. C. Robinson, state warden, and Rev. J. C. Hayes, state chaplain. Lexington was chosen as the next meeting place.

Eminence, Ky.—A divorce decree entered in favor of Charles A. Caldwell against Jane Parks Caldwell, in the Henry county circuit court, terminated the famous "trial marriage" and "intellectual affinity" case that startled New York and the rest of the country last December. No defense was offered against the petition of the husband, who is one of the wealthiest men in Kentucky.

Lexington, Ky.—Woodford Clay's stable of racers, including Marcellus, Jolly, Whistler, Flynn Footsteps, Ocean Bound, Bright Star, Makeshift, Malden and Colinet, left here for Shepherd Bay in charge of Trainer French Brooks.

Louisville, Ky.—Banking circles received with much surprise the announcement that Peyton N. Clark, one of the best-known capitalists of Louisville, had resigned his position as vice president of the Southern National bank. The resignation was accepted.